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determining that a print-to-mail format document has been printed;

identifying attributes of the print-to-mail format document; and

A method for print-to-mail notification, comprising the steps of:

generating notification information that identifies that the print-to-mail format

What is claimed is:

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document has been printed.

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1	2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining that a print-to-
2	mail format document has been printed comprises detecting printing of the print-to-
3	mail document.
1	3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining that a print-to-
2	mail format document has been printed comprises receiving a notice that a print-to-
3	mail format document has been printed.
1	4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying document
2	attributes comprises identifying at least one of a name of the document, a date the
3	document was printed, and a name of a user.
1	5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying document

attributes comprises identifying at least one of a customer name, a customer number, a

billing period to which the document pertains.

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- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating notification
- 2 information comprises generating notification information that identifies at least one
- 3 of the document attributes.
- The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting notification
- 2 information to a computing device.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the step of transmitting notification
- 2 information comprises transmitting notification information to a remote computing
 - device via a network.
 - The method of claim 7, wherein the step of transmitting notification
- 2 information comprises transmitting the information to a database from which data
- 3 contained within the print-to-mail format document originated.
- 1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the database is supported by a
- 2 network-based database management system.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the notification
- 2 information within memory of a print-to-mail device that printed the print-to-mail
- 3 format document.

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1 12. A system for print-to-mail notification, comprising:
2 means for determining that a print-to-mail format document has been printed;
3 means for identifying attributes of the print-to-mail format document; and
4 means for generating notification information that identifies that the print-to-

mail format document has been printed.

- 13. The system of claim 12, wherein the means for identifying document attributes comprise means for identifying at least one of a name of the document, a date the document was printed, and a name of a user.
- 14. The system of claim 12, wherein the means for identifying document attributes comprise means for identifying at least one of a customer name, a customer number, a billing period to which the document pertains.
- The system of claim 12, further comprising means for transmitting
 notification information to a computing device.
- 1 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the means for transmitting notification information comprise means for transmitting notification information to a remote computing device via a network.
- 1 17. The system of claim 12, further comprising means for storing the
 2 notification information within memory of a print-to-mail device that printed the
 3 print-to-mail format document.

- 1 18. A print-to-mail device, comprising:
- 2 a processing device;
- 3 hard copy generation hardware; and
- 4 memory including a print-to-mail notifier configured to generate notification
- 5 information pertinent to printing of a print-to-mail format document.
- 1 19. The device of claim 18, wherein the hard copy generation hardware
- 2 comprises a print engine.
- 1 20. The device of claim 18, wherein the hard copy generation hardware
- 2 comprises a folding mechanism and a sealing mechanism.
- 1 21. The device of claim 18, wherein the notifier is configured to identify at
- 2 least one attribute of the print-to-mail format document.
- 1 22. The device of claim 18, wherein the memory further comprises a
- 2 database adapted to store the notification information.
- 1 23. The device of claim 18, further comprising a network interface device
- 2 adapted to transmit notification information to a computing device via a network.
- 1 24. The device of claim 18, further comprising an embedded web server
- 2 that supports a print-to-mail service that is accessible over a network.

- 1 25. The device of claim 24, wherein the service comprises a print-to-mail
- 2 web service that is accessible over the Internet.